ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES

Notification under Article 4:4

Amendment of the Bilateral Agreement
between the United States and Bangladesh

Note by the Chairman

Attached is a notification received from the United States of an amendment of its bilateral agreement with Bangladesh. The original agreement which covered Category 340 only, has been superseded by the amendment effective 1 February 1986. Limits have been agreed on Categories 331, 334, 335, 340/640, 341 and 347/348. The previous restraint on Category 340 has been incorporated in the restraint on Category 340/640.¹

¹The original bilateral agreement is contained in COM.TEX/SB/1091.
April 9, 1986

The Honorable
Ambassador Marcelo Raffaelli
Chairman, Textiles Surveillance Body
GATT
Rue De Lausanne 154
1211 Geneva

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4 of Article 4 of the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, I am instructed by my government to inform the Textiles Surveillance Body of the amendment of the bilateral textile agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Bangladesh.

This amendment involves establishment of five new specific limits (one of which incorporates a previous limit) and modification of one previous limit. The agreement runs from February 1, 1986, through January 31, 1988.

The specific limits agreed upon are:

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<td>Category 341 (cotton blouses)</td>
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<td>Category 347/348 (cotton trousers)</td>
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Growth is set at 6 percent; swing at 6 percent; and carryover/carryforward at 11/6 percent.

Categories 334 and 340 were previously subject to agreed specific limits; categories 335, 347/8 and 640 were previously subject to limits imposed pursuant to Article 3.5. Limits for Categories 331 and 341 were sought by the U.S. in the course of bilateral consultations to deal with problems of market disruption or real risk thereof. Data to aid the secretariat in preparing a more detailed fact sheet is being provided separately.

Enclosed are copies of the notes giving effect to this amendment.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Shepherd
Minister-Counselor

Enclosure: (As stated)
March 18, 1986

UNITED STATES AND BANGLADESH SIGN
NEW BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT

The United States and Bangladesh exchanged notes in Washington to establish a new bilateral textile agreement between the two governments. Texts of the notes follow.

UNITED STATES NOTE

Excellency:

Washington, DC
February 19, 1986

I have the honor to refer to the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles, done at Geneva on December 20, 1973, and extended by Protocols adopted respectively on December 17, 1977 and December 22, 1981 at Geneva (the Arrangement), to the agreement between the United States of America and the People's Republic of Bangladesh relating to trade in certain apparel categories effected by exchange of letters on June 28, 1985 in Washington, D.C. and to discussions held between representatives of our Governments in Washington February 5-7, 1986.

I have the honor to propose, on behalf of my Government, pursuant to Article 4 of the Arrangement, the following agreement between our two Governments. This agreement will supersede the previous agreement of June 28, 1985.

For more information contact: EB/TEX: A. JILLSON (202) 647-2062
The new Agreement shall begin on February 1, 1986 and extend through January 31, 1988. Specific limits for the first year (February 1, 1986-January 31, 1987) shall be those established below. Annual growth shall be 6 percent, and swing of 6 percent shall be available. Carryforward of 6 percent will be available during the initial twelve month period and, where shortfall occurs, carryover of 11 percent will be available in the subsequent twelve month period. The United States Government will have the right to assist in implementing the above understanding.

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*1986 T.S.U.S.A's are 381.5500, 381.5610, 381.5625, 381.5660, 381.9535, 381.9550 and future breakouts for 381.0520, 381.3130, 381.3140, 381.3150, 381.5635, and 381.9545.
The current limit for Category 340 shall be prorated to end on January 31, 1986. The overshipments shall be charged and distributed equally over each Agreement Year. Embargoed shipments in Category 340 shall be allowed entry up to 80,000 dozen in February 1986 and the remainder in March 1986.

If this proposal is acceptable to the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, this note and your Excellency's note of confirmation on behalf of the People's Republic of Bangladesh shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State:
Excellency:

I have the honour to refer to the Department of State's Note Verbale of February 19, 1986 concerning the agreement between the United States of America and the People's Republic of Bangladesh relating to trade in certain apparel categories pursuant to discussions held between representatives of our Governments in Washington, D.C. February 5-7, 1986. I would like to confirm herein that your above mentioned note reflects the understanding reached between our two Governments.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Washington, DC
February 24, 1986

(A. Z. M. OBAIDULLAH KHAN)
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